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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the outstanding Office action dated October 3, 2003, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Remarks

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. Claims 1-38 are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has grouped the claims as follows: Group I, claims 1-27 and 33-38 and Group II, claims 28-32. Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-27 and 33-38, with traverse.

The claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should a teleconference interview facilitate prosecution of this application.

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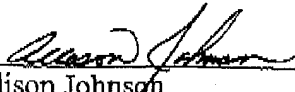
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